

CTA News! September 7, 2023

Security and Safety

North Gate Barrier Arm - Update: The barrier arm has now been operational for two weeks. To speed traffic through the entrance during daytime hours, the barrier gate will be used from 6 AM to 6 PM, and the swing gate will be used from 6 PM to 6 AM. Those using this entrance are asked to exercise patience and not push into the gate arm. Such an action results in the motor going into failsafe mode, rendering the gate inoperable until it can be reset. The gate arm moves very quickly in comparison to the swing gate, but Security and Safety will continue to monitor the timing of the gate arm as well. For your own safety, please do not walk or stand near the barrier gate.

CT Volunteers Recognized for Thirty Years of Service

Adopt-A-Highway Program: Golf West POA resident Debbie Betts presented CTA with a 30-year Service Star from the DOT Adopt-a-Highway program. Carolina Trace residents first organized cleanup of a portion of NC-87 in 1993. The group needs additional volunteers to meet every other month for this important community service. Contact Debbie Betts, kdbetts@gmx.com.

Trace Lake and Dam Committee

Dam Work: The engineering work on the dam will begin by the mandated December 2, 2023 deadline. As was reported in August, the dam valve issue has been addressed.

Hydrilla: The most recent treatment in mid-August has had a positive impact on the hydrilla. Additional sightings can continue to be reported to Kate Woods.

Note: Updates to any lake or dam issues are the purview of Escalante Golf, which owns both. Escalante provides updates to the TLDC as a courtesy,, and are reported to residents as received. Residents are asked to report issues to CTA's TLDC chair Kate Woods (ctaprestr@gmail.com), who will then share them with Escalante. Thanks for your understanding.

But Wait, There's More!

Carolina Water Service Infrastructure Tracking – The ongoing increases to our water service without any upgrades to infrastructure is concerning. POAs are asked to report all incidents of water pipes/main breaks to resident volunteer Jeff Wennberg, jwennberg@pm.me. Please include type of issue, date of occurrence, location of issue, and length of time your water service was impacted.

Carolina Trace Volunteer Fire Department Board Elections – October 3 is the date to vote for three members of the Fire Department's 9-member Board. Bios of the candidates can be reviewed at this link: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RM0-wPekFYZpq7zzixnYPsvMVI9e2x-y/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=100853700761842761827&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Continued Hydrant Flushing This Month – CTVFD Chief Myers reports that community hydrant flushing will continue in accordance with state law.

CTA 2024 Budget Work Continues - The CTA Board of Directors worked hard on crafting the final 2024 budget at the September 5 Board meeting. However, an errant clause that was not updated in the 2021 bylaw changes means that the budget cannot be voted on until October's meeting. In the coming months, CTA will put a task force together to review the bylaws and propose a clean-up of contradictory or confusing language to avoid such issues in the future.

Calendar Items for All

September 9-10, CERT Ham Radio Event – The CERT Ham group is preparing for the North Carolina Parks on the Air, and the goal is to activate all 107 North Carolina State Parks during the 2-day event. The Lee County Ham Radio group has signed up to activate Raven Rock State Park and the House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site. An activation consists of making at least 10 ham radio contacts from the park location.

September 11, 8:30 a.m., North Carolina National Guard 9/11 Observance and Golf Tournament – Open to all residents of Carolina Trace. Click here for additional details and to register: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ai6b1SlrT527JNogIZFRELomSr2DFIxs/view?usp=drive_link

October 3, CTVFD Board Elections – See above news item.

October 3, National Night Out (NNO), 6-8 p.m., Swann Station Baptist Church, Sanford – Community event NNO provides an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know your elected and city officials, firefighters, local law enforcement, and neighbors. Join Carolina Trace Fire Department and others. The church is located at 7592 NC-87, Sanford.

October 24, Special Forces Charitable Trust First Annual Grog Invitational Golf Tournament – Open to all residents of Carolina Trace. Click here for additional details and to register: <https://events.golfstatus.com/event/790e27bb-de76-4ef9-84bc-a8c4047b00f3/details>

Housekeeping

August 1 CTA Board Minutes have been uploaded to the website: <https://www.carolinatrace.org/file/document/3210774961/x6x8pX2CEQoVkye.pdf>

Read and learn for yourself; don't fall victim to third-party "interpretations" as to what CTA is or is not doing. Your POA's CTA Director is your closest source of accurate information. Remember that CTA exists to keep the infrastructure common to all POAs in good working order. Each POA is responsible for its own infrastructure, amenities, regulations, and lot assessments.

Thanks for reading to the end!

Community Hotline: Call 919.499.2722 *OR* the Gatehouse line, option 2. The hotline will provide the status of roads, gates, and utilities.

Questions or Concerns? Your POA's CTA Director can help and is in the best position to point you in the direction of the correct volunteer if they can't.

Reminder – Do Your Part: 2024 is quickly approaching, and with it, new volunteer opportunities for the new year. CTA and all POAs are run by volunteers from within our communities, and all will welcome more willing hands.

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9/5/2023 Fire Chiefs Report

Annual board elections: This year's Board elections will be on October third. There are 4 candidates for three positions. The candidates are John Thorn, Reid Smith, Luis Garcia jr. and Gary Riley. Full bios for each candidate are included.



REED SMITH

Reed relocated to Sanford three years ago with his wife, of 26 years, Micki. They currently reside in Carolina Trace and are very active members of the country club and their respective POA. Reed has experience as a POA President and other board positions for 10 years when he lived in the state of Washington. He has also served on numerous volunteer board positions, over the years, as he enjoys serving and doing his part to better the community. Reed makes his living working for a large tech company where he sells internet security products to large businesses. His career has spanned over 23 years, and he is looking forward to retirement perhaps in another 5-10 years. His plans are to keep busy with his hobbies which include golfing, woodworking, and continuing volunteer work within the community.



LUIS GARCIA JR

Luis was born in Marianao, Cuba and moved to Florida in 1960. He became a paramedic in 1977, earned an Associate of Science degree from Miami-Dade Community College and in Emergency Medical Services Management in 1990. In 1997 he completed training as an Executive Fire Officer at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland. In 1996 Luis was named as the city's first Cuban American Fire Chief. Under his watch, fire related deaths were reduced to zero in two years. After retiring as Miami Beach Fire Chief in 1999, he successfully ran for the Miami Beach City Commission and continued to serve in that capacity for seven years. In November 2006 Luis was elected to the Florida House of Representatives in district 107 and reelected in 2008 and 2010. In 2009 he was honored by the Florida Nurses Association as their "Legislator of the Year."



JOHN C. THORN

Born and raised in Poughkeepsie, New York. He retired from the US Army after serving 20 years as a Chaplain Assistant/Chaplain Activities Supervisor/Chaplain Administrator. His overseas assignments included Japan and Republic of Korea. Ten years of his Army career were spent at the United States Military Academy, West Point (1975-1986). While at West Point, he created computer programs using the "new" PC architecture to facilitate management of Chaplain Funds. These programs drew the attention of the Pentagon and were eventually distributed worldwide to all Chaplain Offices. His last duty assignment was as Chief Instructor for Leadership and Management, US Army Chaplain Center, and School. Upon retirement from the Army, he was hired as a programmer for Ticketron, a subsidiary of Control Data Corporation, where he was responsible for promoter accounting software used throughout venues handled by that company. Notables include Shubert Theater Group, The Ford Theater, The Mets, The US Open, Saratoga Center for the Performing Arts, and others. In 1990 he was hired by BMW of North America and served in many Information Management positions. He was responsible for all computer networks in BMW's North American Dealerships. He served as a member of the NADA STAR committee and was responsible for creating standards used throughout the automotive industry. BMW was the first automotive brand to have 100% of its dealer franchises using the Internet for all electronic communications. In 2001 he was promoted to become BMW's Training Technologies Manager, responsible for all technologies used in training internal and dealer personnel. This included management of a VSAT television network, two television studios, as well as establishing a comprehensive Internet-based learning management system for over 40,000 students. In conjunction with BMW AG, he created BMW's worldwide standards for creating and distributing Internet video. In the 1990's John designed and programmed an Internet Website for his church which received the attention of and award from US Today. He also designed and programmed Internet based applications for the Salvation Army. He created the original North Shore and NC State Questers' websites. John and his wife, Susan, reside at 287 Fairway Lane. John has served many years on the North Shore Board of

Directors and North Shore Architecture Committee. He is currently serving as the Vice President of the Fire Board



Gary Riley

Gary has lived in Carolina Trace since September 2014 and have been a member of the Carolina Trace Country Club since relocating here from Columbia, Maryland. I grew up on a farm in Minnesota and after graduating from high school, served 6 ½ years in the Air Force with 2 years here in NC at Pope AFB. After my discharge from the Air Force, I attended Indiana State and graduated with a BS degree in accounting in 1974. I was employed as a financial controller for several manufacturing companies throughout my career. I am currently serving as treasurer for North Shore POA.

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